

# THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, The Honorable Marshall M. Criser served as an inaugural member of The University of Florida Board of Trustees since July 1, 2001 and as the first Chair of the Board of Trustees upon his election by his fellow Trustees in September 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Marshall Criser successfully navigated the Board of Trustees through the landmark reorganization of the Florida public higher education system by putting in place sound operating procedures, committee structures and other best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, Marshall Criser established for the Board a standard of respect, civility and collegiality among fellow Board members, the administration, faculty and students; and

**WHEREAS**, Marshall Criser established a framework for the Board to discharge its duties responsibly, effectively and with the dignity deserving of The University of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Marshall Criser brought great courage and wisdom to the Board at a critical time in its development; and

**WHEREAS**, Marshall Criser has resigned as Chair and as a member of the Board of Trustees to assume other responsibilities at the request of Governor Jeb Bush for the benefit of the University and the State of Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the University of Florida Board of Trustees at its regular meeting this 5th day of March, 2004 does hereby recognize, commend and express its deep gratitude to Marshall M. Criser for his historic contributions to The University of Florida, for his extraordinary leadership as the Board's inaugural Chair, and for his continuing commitment to and advocacy for The University of Florida.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be included in the minutes of this meeting, and a copy presented to Marshall Criser as a token of the Board's appreciation and thanks.